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Hi Marianne and Hodayah,

HHS included the two EPA comments on the global action plan in the US public comments, the first in the section on the overall plan and the second on the determinates of health paper (paper 4). For your awareness, the US also submitted some highly critical comments on the determinates of health paper including that "this accelerator [paper] is a recipe for rejection of this whole plan at country level". HHS expects that we will have another chance to review a future draft of this plan before it is put up for endorsement (US preference is for it to be noted) at UNGA in September.

- We are pleased the GAP acknowledges the significance of environmental risk factors for public health. WHO estimates that 12.6 million deaths each year are attributable to unhealthy environments, including about seven million deaths from exposure to air pollution.
- We encourage the plan drafters to consider additional joint actions to be taken to address environmental determinates of health and to specifically address health risks from air pollution. For example, the coalition could collaborate with the UN Environment Programme to address health risks from air pollution. One potential "area of joint action by GHOs to support countries in line with national priorities" is to encourage regional cooperation to address air quality concerns and the sharing of best practices on strategies to address air pollution.

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Dear Colleagues,

Many thanks for providing your comments on the SDG3 Global Action Plan outline and accelerator papers. Attached are the consolidated US comments we submitted in response to the public consultation. We will also submit specific line edits to WHO next week, and hopefully, we will have another opportunity to review these documents.

Please let us know if you have any questions, and thank you again for the review and contributions.

Enjoy the holiday!

Best,
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Subject: For Review by COB 6/26: Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives + 7 Accelerator papers

Dear Colleagues,

We hope this note finds you well. I am sharing for your review by **COB Wed. 6/26** the **Global Action Plan for Health Lives and Well-being** and **seven related “accelerator” papers**. This plan, which is not negotiated by Member States, aims to guide the work of twelve multilateral global health and development organizations to align efforts and more effectively support countries in achieving the health-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

WHO is holding an online public consultation before the GAP is finalized and presented during the UN General Assembly in September 2019. We plan to submit comments at the end of the month on behalf of the USG – our comments will be posted publically.

Several guiding questions are provided by WHO below, but please feel free to provide high-level comments on any concerns, areas we support, and suggestions for improvement.

Papers for Review (attached):

1. Outline of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives

Seven accelerator discussion papers:

- 1. Sustainable Financing**
- 2. Primary Health Care**
- 3. Community and civil society engagement**
- 4. Determinants of Health**
- 5. Research and development, innovation and access**
- 6. Data and digital health**
- 7. Innovative programming in fragile and vulnerable states and for disease outbreak responses**

Guiding questions for the consultation (provided by WHO):

1. What do you see as the key opportunities offered by *The Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All*?
2. Which previous collaborations across the signatory agencies have proven to be effective in accelerating impact in countries and could be recommended as good practice / for scaling-up?

Comments on the accelerator discussion papers (provided by WHO):

1. Regarding the paper, do you have suggestions for improvement, to further leverage the potential of closer collaboration and alignment between the 12 organizations?
2. Regarding the proposed actions, do you have suggestions for improvement to more effectively provide joint support to countries to accelerate progress towards the health-related SDGs?
3. Is your institution involved in, or planning, an initiative to support countries accelerate progress toward the health-related SDG targets that could align with the accelerator actions described?

Background: The 12 participating organizations (Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (GAVI), the Global Financing Facility (GFF), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNITAID, UN Women, World Bank Group, WFP and WHO) signed a commitment in October 2018 to develop a Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being to align their efforts to more effectively support countries to achieve the health-related SDG targets.

More information is available here: <https://www.who.int/sdg/global-action-plan/consultations/invitation-for-public-comment-global-action-plan-for-healthy-lives-and-well-being>

Please let us know if you have any questions about the documents, and we look forward to your feedback.

Thank you,
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